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Waste pit dryers slated to begin operation

Fernald plans to initiate full-scale operations of the two rotary dryers and gas and water treatment facilities in late October or early November, following successful completion of the standard startup review. Pit material that requires drying will be fed into rotating cylinders inside the dryers, where heat will circulate around the cylinders, removing the moisture. Pit excavation and rail shipments to Envirocare continue. To date, Fernald has safely shipped over 49,000 tons of waste to Envirocare. For more information about the Waste Pits Project, contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave_lojek@fernald.gov.

Nuclear material disposition shipments continue

During fiscal year (FY) 1999, Fernald safely transported 129 shipments containing 3.5 million net pounds of uranium to Portsmouth for the Uranium Management Center at Oak Ridge. In FY2000 (October 1999 - September 2000), Fernald plans to transport approximately five million net pounds of uranium to Portsmouth. The transfer will require about 275 trucks at an average of 18,000 net pounds per truck shipment. For more information about the Waste Management Project, contact John Sattler, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3145, email: john_sattler@fernald.gov.

D&D update

Field activities on the Maintenance/Tank Farm Complex Decontamination and Dismantlement project and the Water Storage Tank project will be complete in October. Following completion, the subcontractor, NSC Energy Services, will begin to demobilize. The projects will be finished approximately 10 weeks ahead of schedule. NSC was recently awarded an \$8.54 million, three-year subcontract to demolish Plant 6, the former Metals Fabrication Plant.

Second extraction well installed

A second 12-inch diameter groundwater extraction well is being installed in the South Field area, near Willey Road. The two extraction wells, which join the 10-well system already in place in that area, will help maintain the accelerated aquifer restoration schedule. Installation activities will continue through October. For more information, contact Rob Janke, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3124, email: rob_janke@fernald.gov.

Quarterly monitoring report available

The Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Second Quarter 1999 is now available at the Public Environmental Information Center, 513-648-7480. The report provides a status of the second quarter 1999 monitoring activities for the air, surface water and aquifer remedy programs.

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FCAB members attend national seminar on stewardship

Five members of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB), as well as representatives from the Ohio EPA, Agency for Toxic Substance and Diseases Registry, DOE-FEMP and Fluor Daniel Fernald, will attend a national meeting on stewardship at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from Oct. 25 through Oct. 27. The workshop will be hosted by the Oak Ridge Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) and is open to all SSABs in the DOE complex. The seminar is designed to educate SSAB members and their invited guests on all aspects of stewardship and to provide an opportunity for identification and discussion of core stewardship topics and areas of concern.

Public meetings

The public is welcome to attend the following meetings:

- The Fernald Living History project group will meet Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Crosby Civic Center. For more information, contact Joe Schomaker, Living History Project volunteer advisory member at 513-648-7500,
 - email: joseph_schomaker@fernald.gov.
- The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) will meet on Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. at Ross High School. For more information, contact Curt Paddock, CRO economic development consultant at 513-527-3150, email: paddockmgt@aol.com.

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